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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Docket No.
41941-00351

In Re Application Of: ZIPPARO et al.

Application No. 10/678,483	Filing Date October 2, 2003	Examiner Nashmiya Saqib Fayyaz	Customer No. 25231	Group Art Unit 2856	Confirmation No. 1457
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Invention: "IMPROVED ULTRASOUND PROBE"



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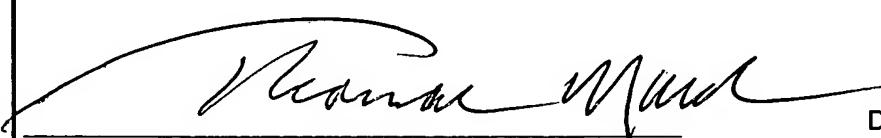
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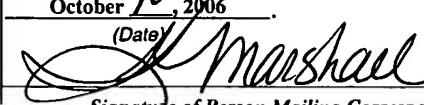
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Pursuant to Applicant's duty of disclosure under 37 CFR § 1.56 and 37 CFR §§ 1.97-1.98, Applicant hereby submits the enclosed PTO Form 1449, although Applicant does not admit that any of such documents, alone or in any combination, is considered to be material to patentability as defined in 37 CFR § 1.56(b). Moreover, the inclusion of these documents is not to be construed as an admission by Applicant that each such document is prior art as to the above-identified application. Pursuant to the Official Gazette Notice of August 5, 2003, copies of any U.S. Patents or published U.S. Patent Applications are not being submitted herewith. Copies of any foreign patent and non-patent documents are submitted herewith.

Also enclosed is a Statement Under 37 C.F.R. 1.97(e)(1) Accompanying Information Disclosure Statement. While Applicant believes no fees are due in connection herewith, please charge any fees necessary under 37 C.F.R. 1.17(i) to Deposit Account No. 50-1419.

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